

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Insert the following corrected claims.

1.(Currently Amended) A method of playing a board game, providing the steps of:

providing a game board ~~that includes a defined chessboard area of sixty four squares and a secondary area of additional squares outside of said chessboard area;~~

providing ~~at least~~ more than two players with a set of ~~traditional western chess~~ game pieces ~~that include a king, queen, two bishops, two knights, two rooks and eight pawns;~~

playing with said chess game pieces on said game board a first game ~~that is not chess, until all but two remaining players are eliminated from play, predetermined circumstances occur and~~

~~playing chess with said chess pieces on said game board after said predetermined circumstances occur;~~

~~providing each of the remaining players the option of moving chess game pieces from said secondary area of said game board to said chessboard area or moving a chess game piece within said chessboard area during a turn at play, wherein said remaining players play traditional western chess against one another with said chess game pieces that enter said chessboard area.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1~~2~~, wherein said step of providing a game board includes providing a game board containing rows and columns of

square spaces, wherein ~~a central region of a predetermined number of square spaces~~
~~chessboard area~~ is centrally defined on said game board.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said step of providing a game board includes providing a game board divided into a plurality of different areas.

6. (Original) The method according to Claim 5, wherein said first game includes players attempting to control said plurality of different areas with said chess game pieces.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A board game assembly, comprising:

a game board having a plurality of areas disposed thereon, said game board having play spaces that extend throughout said plurality of areas, wherein at least some of said play spaces in each of said plurality of areas are control spaces;

a defined chessboard area of play consisting of sixty-four play spaces arranged in eight columns and eight row, wherein said chessboard area extends through all of said plurality of areas;

a set of ~~traditional western~~ chess game pieces for ~~at least~~ more than two players,
~~each set of chess pieces including a king, a queen, two bishops, two knights, two rooks~~
~~and eight pawns~~; and

placement cards for identifying where players should place said chess game pieces for the start of a game.

9.(Original) The assembly according to Claim 8, further including ownership cards that identify said plurality of areas on said game board.

10.(Cancelled)

11.(Cancelled)

12.(Currently Amended) The assembly according to Claim ~~11~~ 8, wherein a second area of play is defined on said game board that extends through all of said plurality of areas.

13.(Currently Amended) The assembly according to Claim 12, wherein said second area of play is larger than said ~~first chessboard~~ area of play and said ~~first chessboard~~ area of play is contained within said second area of play.

14.(Cancelled)

15.(Cancelled)

16.(Cancelled)